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Next Meeting

7:30 PM, Thursday, February 12th at Jun's Electronics, 5563 Sepulveda Blvd. (Exit the San Diego Fwy (405) at Jefferson and proceed east to Sepulveda Blvd.)

Secrets of RFI

Every time Aunt Velma took a bath, she felt a tingle, and it wasn't the Cal-gon. It was Floyd working the low end of 75 Meters. Keith Blackburn, AC6SN will explain how RF interference happens and why the cure sometimes makes things worse.



Among the prizes will be a two-meter hand-held from Alinco - this one uses AA cells - a hand-held scanner by Bearcat, a 160 piece tool kit and a fold-up stool that fits in a canvas tube you can sling over your shoulder at the swap meet.

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Hey! We Got "The Will"

The membership elected the slate presented by the board: President: Will Angenent, KN6DV, Vice President: Harvey Laidman, W8DX, Secretary: Jim Zimmerman, N6KZ, Treasurer: Charlotte Iseda, KB6FXS, Membership: Harvey Shore, K6EXO, Web Site: Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. Board: Neil Kaltman, K6SMF, Cathy Gardenias KF6LFB, Larry Shapiro, K6RO. (BULLetin Editor, W8DX and Publisher, Al Friedman, K6YRA, also serve on the board.) Carl Gardenias, WU6D, had been slated for the board, but he deferred to Neil, K6SMF, who was unanimously elected.



1997 President Larry Shapiro, K6RO, stands by as Will Angenent, KN6DV gives his inaugural address.

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N6RT Spot Champ

Packet Spotting Derby Commissioner, Harvey Shore, K6EXO, presented the *Grande Coupe de la Teté* to Doug Brandon, N6RT.

"Doug just outspotted the competition," Harvey remarked as he presented Doug with a handsome certificate and a can of spot remover.

Quick calculations by club mathematicians showed that Doug would have had to spend most of his waking hours scanning the bands in order to produce such prolific results.

"I had a secret weapon," Doug confided, "My dog wakes me up if he hears any rare



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And More!

President's Soapbox

by Will Angenent, KN6DV



Thank you all for the trust you give me to be President of the SCDXC.

I am very proud and honored. I re-

alize that this is not a easy task, following in the footsteps of the great names before me. With all the help I am getting, I am sure it will work out fine.

I met with Jim, N6KZ a few times this month and he is doing a great job with the paper work. A big thanks to all board members.

Harvey, W8DX is doing a multiple function on the board (Vice President and *BULLETin* editor). So there might be a function open (editor) please contact him. Although I hate him giving up the editor's function. I received several phone calls from members and they all told me what a great job he is doing with the *BULLETin*.

This is also "our" Visalia year and I am really looking forward to this one. The committee is working hard to get everything going and by the time you read this we have had another Visalia committee meeting.

At the March meeting we have to make our DX convention badge choice, so you will have a month to come up with some designs.

At that time we will vote on a design, the winner gets a free Visalia registration.

Also, we need nominations for the DXer of the Year and Rookie of the Year. For Rookie of the Year, please

The Deadline for the March
BULLETin will be
February 28
Please submit as early as
you can!

contact Roger, W6LAX.

The 8Q7AA is gone now, I worked him on 75, 40, 30 and 20 meters. No RTTY or 160 meters. It looks like nobody is very impressed with the RTTY and 160 meter part. But on the other hand, they are there and we are here, so it is always something.

I have spent a lot of time on 160 lately and it has been productive. Several of our members are active on this band, I think Bob, K6ZZ has a real winner where he lives, he hears well out there and has several "S units" on me. A few weeks ago I helped him with shunt feeding his tower and adding elevated radials, now, all looks nice and works well.

I see a few of us have worked the TT8JFC on RTTY. I worked him yesterday, also K6YUI and W6EA. I know K6FG and WU6T worked him already and maybe a few others.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

...Will, KN6DV

1998 Programs

Harvey Laidman, W8DX

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I must be nuts, but here's my attempt to fill Will's very capable shoes. I'll give you the info in a few easy steps, from "most fun" to "least."

Ahhh, Prizes - We love 'em! I tried to get some items that the DX'er, who has about everything, would like. Of course, there is the obligatory hand-held radio, courtesy, Jun's. We also have a 160 - piece tool kit in a convenient carrier and a "tush retainer" that folds into a canvas tube to sling over your shoulder for a few moment's respite at the swap meet. Then there's the MFJ-212, provided by The Portable Clinic. Put this little beauty between

your transceiver and antenna tuner, and never tune up on the air again. A great bunch of prizes.

Our speaker will be Keith Blackburn, AC6SN. Keith has worked in the RFI-EMI field for 23 years. If anyone should know why your neighbor's pool bubbles when you point your beam toward the Straits of Macassar, ask Keith. Keith is currently the Lead Electromagnetic Environmental Effects Engineer at Lockheed - Martin.

This program is not to be missed for many reasons including interaction between multi-op contesting positions and locating that "grinding noise" on 160.

Regarding the *BULLETin*: The Southern California DX Club is a non-political, non-issue oriented group. The *BULLETin* is what the name implies, as serious as the droppings of a male bovine. While I don't believe the *BULLETin* has any momentous opinions of anything, let me make it perfectly clear that **anything expressed in the *BULLETin* is solely the invention (or the editorial selection) of me, Harvey Laidman, W8DX, and does not necessarily represent in any way any club opinion, belief or doctrine.** Furthermore, **I am totally responsible for the content of the *BULLETin*.** The reason I have held on this long is that I am creating this paper totally for my own enjoyment, hoping that others might find the same things amusing. So if you must complain, complain directly to me, not to poor, innocent souls like Al, Will or the ice cream man at Thrifty's.

...Harvey, W8DX



MINIPROP PLUS Predictions

by Shel, W6EL



These MINIPROP PLUS predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month. Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 95, corresponding to a sunspot number of 39, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

DX Location:

FT5X Kerguelen - to 2/28
Beam 198 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 2/18) 0040/1432

Band/Best Times:

40: Around 1400.
Long path 0030-0200 and around 1600.
20: 0930-1100 and 1430-1600.
Long path 0100-0230 and 1500-1730.

9N Nepal - 2/19 to 3/8
Beam 337 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 2/28) 0050/1216

80: 1300-1400.
40: 1300-1430.
20: 0030-0430, 1530-1700 and 2000-2100.
Long path 0100-0130.

KH5K Kingman Reef - 2/27 to 2/29
Beam 246 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 2/28) 1706/0459

80: 0700-1400.
40: 0500-1430.
20: 0300-0500 and 1630-1700.
15: 1730-0300.
10: 1900-0100.

8Q Maldives - 2/19 to 3/11
Beam 342 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/1) 0123/1318

40: 1330-1430.
20: 1530-1900 and 0100-0230.
Long path 0130-0300.
15: 1800-2100.

3A Monaco - 2/23 to 3/12
Beam 36 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/4) 0607/1718

80: 0400-0500.
40: 0230-0600.
20: Long path 1530-1600.*
15: 1630-1830.

*(Short path very difficult because of cliff blockage)

QSL Corner

by Al, NS6B

3C0A Via ZS6DX

3DA0NX Via JM1CAX

3V8BB Via F6FMX
(12/12 to 12/17/97 Only)

4X/OK1DTP Via OK1TD, Jurka
Lunak, Doini Libchava,
185, 470-01Cheska Lipa,
Czech Republic

5T5TY Via N5FT

7Q7SB Via 4B4IQ

7X2DG

7X2VZK

9A3A/4U

9N1AA

9N1FP

9R1A

Via K6ELX

Via OM3CGN, Ivan
Gamboa, Dr Clementisa
4-4161, 97901 Rimavski
Sabota, Slovak Republic

Via 9A2AJ (Haiti oper-
ation only)

Via N4AA

Via RU6FP, Zakharov
Kulakova, 27/2-116
Stavropol 355044,
Russia

Via PA3DMH

A41KJ	Via N5FTR
A92FZ	Via W3HC (Ex-W3HCW)
C56DX	Via DL7OF (Ex-DL7UUO)
E3A3O	Via G4OEP
EM2I	Via NA3O, George Yacopolus, 13 Glen Meadows Dr., Glen Mills, PA, 19342
D2BB	Via W3HNC
FP5CJ	Via F6FNU
IM0MBP	Via Giuseppe Tiragallo, Via Matteott 16, I-09014 Califorte Sardinia, Italy
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OI8MDG	Via OH8MDG
T31BB	Via DF6FK
TO5A	Via YT7A (UA0ZDA), Vladimir Pchlin, Box 21, Stavropol. 335002, Russia
TT6JE	Via F6FNU
TT8FT	Via DL7FT, Frank Turek, Box DL7FT, D 14004, Berlin, Germany
TT8JFC	Via WA4ZJB
YI1EE	Via DF3NZ

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Dot... dot... dot...
By Guglielmo Pookah, E1EIO



Mark, K6FG, climbed his tower and repaired a 17 meter trap. "Wrecked a perfectly good can opener," he commented... **Rich**, WU6T says the **NA-066** cards are back from the printer and ready to send out. He wants to know who drew the beard on his picture?... The **8Q7** was attacked by the **SCDXC** on 3799 on the evening of January 21... **W6SR** and **W8DX** are neck and neck in CQ's **five-band WAZ** standings, each at 199. "Of course," **'SR** commented, "it's easier to work all the zones from **'8' land**."... Here at the hutch, we received a personal communiqué from the **Visalia Holiday Inn**. They really want to help, and they are willing to create some programs to liven up the convention and to help to educate the many attending **DX'ers**.

Here are some of their suggestions: "Doing the **Lobby Backstroke** for Aerobic Vitality." "100 Activities While Waiting For **Room Service**." "Doing the **Checkout Shuffle** (bring exercise clothes)." "**Elevator Stuffing** for Neophytes." "The **Visalia Onion Toss** (using **Vidalia** onions)." And "Water Tasting: **Fresno vs. Visalia**." We are passing these suggestions to **Harvey Shore with two ears up!**... Seen here in the warehouse section of the January meeting, **Bob**, **AA6RK**, finally gives up in disgust after trying to wake up **Len**, **W6AUG** during election of officers...



Dot's Zit!

...Gugli

(The *BULLETin* is not responsible for Pookah's alleged observations. Gugli's portrait by Drew Duncan exclusively for the SCDXC *BULLETin*.)

The "N-WAC" Award



The Southern California DX Club *BULLETin* proudly announces the first International N-WAC award. This award will be presented to licensed amateur radio operators or SWL's who submit QSL cards from each of the continents recognized by the ARRL for their "WAC" award. Cards submitted must depict persons of any gender tastefully

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We got the "Will"

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All club officers can be reached via e-mail: board@scdxc.org.

Right: The 1997 SCDXC board at parade rest. Left to right: President, Larry, K6RO, VP Will, KN6DV, Treasurer, Rich, WU6T, Membership, Harv, K6EXO, BULLETin Publisher, Al, K6YRA, Secretary, Jim, N6KZ, BULLETin Editor, Harvey, W8DX.

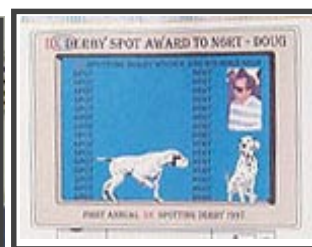


Packet Derby Champ

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DX. Can you guess his name?"

"Right!" Doug shouted, "Heterodyne."



(The DX Spot Award)

Design a Patch From Scratch



It's time to get out the crayons and design the prize-winning insignia that will make the 1998 International DX Convention live forever. Imagine Don Bostrom's jacket with your handiwork displayed in a strategic place. Tempting, no? Here are a few ideas to get you started, presented by your friendly *BULLETin*: (1) Two puffy bellies at a bar with the letters "DX" fuming out of Martini glasses. (2) Crossed chlorine tanks on a field of raffle tickets. (3) A

salad bar with the NCDXC and SCDXC insignias spelled out in garbanzo beans.

Quick, get to work and bring your entry to the February or March meeting. Give it to Don or Rick, W6SR, or any board or committee member. Winner gets free convention registration, and adoration by throngs of DX Convention Patch Groupies.



QRP DX-pedition

Here's a challenge, DX-ers: Kris, KA2OIG will be on Morgan's Cay, Bay Islands of Honduras, 13 February through 26 February. He'll be using four (4) watts into a dipole, solar power and the call sign HR6/KA2OIG. 30 meters only. It's timed for a perfect segue from the Belize (Gesundheit) effort. QSL via home call.



DX Hell

By Ragnar Pflegm

Around three AM, I woke up feeling perfectly awful, head aching, stomach churning. When I stood up, I became dizzy. Holding the spinning walls, I staggered to the bathroom. Grasping the porcelain throne, I beseeched my quaking body to bring forth the evil bile, but I only felt more miserable. It was either “call an ambulance,” or, “head back to bed.” The latter was the shorter distance, and as I lay against the moist pillow, I could see the walls folding around me. My head was a burning coal. I grasped my forehead, breathing shallow, whistling breaths.

Soon, I could see the rough, rocky edges of a narrow tunnel. Perhaps the insides of my eyelids, illuminated by the flush of fever. I could no longer hold on to those damp, glistening rocks, and I began to slip uncontrolled down that black corridor. Presently, the discomfort I felt in my body began to fade. In fact, I was no longer aware of my body at all, I could feel a slight breeze and see a cool, bluish light in the distance.

It came to me that I might be experiencing my final, defining moment. Could it be this easy? You wake in the middle of the night, then, “goodbye.” I could see myself curled on my bed, totally motionless, growing smaller as the bedroom recedes, my wallet and change on the dresser, my smelly slippers on the floor next to the bed.

I was in a grotto, the sound of rushing water, walls of moss and light leaking in from branching corridors. My thought was that I had somehow become caught inside a Nintendo or Atari game. Presently, footsteps - leather soles. It took me a moment to recognize the man who stood before me. Don Wallace, W6AM. He was wearing his red suit, reserved for Christmas, and he didn't look like he

did the last time I saw him, but like his picture at the controls of his mobile kilowatt station in his Cadillac convertible in 1962.

To be honest, I never was fond of Don. I found him humorless and stuffy. At this moment, he cracked a slight smile through that long, boyish face and I felt relieved. “Follow me,” he said.

“Where are we?” I asked as we marched down an inclined, rocky hallway.

“Radio ranch,” he replied, throwing



the words over his red shoulder. We came to an imposing metal door which he unlocked with a large key. “Not a good sign,” I thought. I soon forgot the door as I looked around the huge radio shack. There were, perhaps, thirty operating positions, humans bent over keys or microphones, the din of Morse code and mixed language swirling in the room. Beside each operating desk, a transmitter rack, meters undulating, white insulators on top and antenna feeders climbing toward a ceiling so high there was only a singularity where all the wires merged.

Don gestured for me to sit at a table near the door. “This is yours,” he said. He kicked a switch on the transmitter cabinet and handed me a plastic covered sheet of paper. A digital display on the wall before me read “7.025.5.” He pointed to the

paper. “Send this,” he said, giant eyebrows fluttering. I grasped the navy knob of a classic J-38, and began to send what was written on the paper: “V V V V.....”

As he turned to go, I wanted to ask him about headphones, log books, etc. I hadn't noticed. There were no receivers.

Just as my arm was getting tired, a bell rang, and the transmitting ceased. The operators rose as one, stretched and headed toward a corner where a large tank of coffee and a stack of Danish occupied a large wooden table. They stood around and rapidly consumed the cheese and raspberry pastries and gulped the coffee. At the edge of the crowd, I recognized the late Roger Mace, W6RW.

“Breakfast of champions,” said Roger as he devoured a sugar-coated sinker. As I drank a cup of nasty black coffee, he remarked: “Don't drink too much'a that stuff. Gives you a shaky paw.”

There was a warning blast, and as we headed back to our stations, Roger pointed out a figure hunched intently over a microphone. He was repeating over and over, half-pleading, half-shouting: “Hoooo-la! Hoooo-la!” The frequency read 14226.5.

“You remember Frank, W6AOA.” Roger said.

At another position, none other than famous character actor Andy Devine, speaking a combination of Spanish and Chinese on the very low end of forty meters. Talk about eyebrows!

Roger pointed out a table where a group of gents in 1930's era suits were manning a large machine. “They're rebroadcasting Radio Havana every fifteen KC's on ten meters.” “Kilo-hertz,” I said. “Yes, it does,” said Roger.

As I dropped into my chair and cracked my knuckles, Roger winked, “Keep yer nose clean and you might be invited to one'a Don's parties. They're

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doozies.”

Next to me, Louise Moreau was sending “L8BM” on 3517.5. “one thing,” I asked Roger as he turned to go, “What happens when we all go on a break? Do all the bands get quiet?”

Roger was settling into a position behind me, his transmitter readout sweeping from 3500 to 14350. He was taking a small bird out of a cage and positioning it in front of a telegraph key featuring a knob with considerable pits “pecked” in it. “No, no,” Roger said, “This is just the W6-W7 battalion. There’s always some division operating.”

“What about propagation?” I asked.

“No such of a thing,” Roger smiled slyly.

I sent a few “V’s,” then I got a sudden thought. Before It became clear, a red suit and awning eyebrows hovered over me.

“What’s the problem?” Don asked.

“I’m an ‘8.’” I said, “‘W8DX.’ I don’t belong here with the sixes.”

A large log book appeared and Don began to shuffle through it. “Here,” he said, “You’re ‘N6HL.’” He held the book so that I could look at it.

“No, no,” I said, “I have a vanity call, ‘W8DX.’”

He slammed the book down. “Stay here,” he said, “I’ll be right back.”

As he went through the big door, I caught it with my foot. I ran into the opposite corridor and began to climb

over the slippery rocks. Suddenly, the walls began to shake violently, vortexes of fragments swirled around me. I could no longer hold on because of the violent vibrations. From below me, a bedlam of frantic voices. I could make out one word: “Hellquake!”

A piercing hot poker of pain ran up my leg and I became aware of myself jumping up and down on that leg to stop the spasm. Across the room, the two meter repeater was alive with voices:

“What the hell was that?”

“It was Will, loading up his new amplifier.”

“Wow, smoked my receiver.”

“Did he work the five-alpha on one-sixty?”

“Only one from the West Coast. Just a minute ago.”

“Hellofa signal.”

I splashed cold water on my face and ran for the rig. I switched to the beverage antenna and tuned to 1825. He was there! I could make him out, I waited for him to sign. “QRZ W6 W7,” he transmitted. I grabbed the key and sent “W8DX/6, W8DX/6.”

After an eternity, the din subsided and my receiver settled down. I heard him send “W...” Then he was swamped by a powerful signal that seemed to come from everywhere: “V V V V V V...”



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Call _____ Name _____ Date _____

Please complete the following based on your **confirmed**, mixed-mode country or zone totals:

DXCC Totals: Active Countries (329 max) _____ Total Countries (including deleted) _____

Are you currently on the Honor Roll ? ☐ Yes ☐ No 5BDXCC ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Low Bands (Active Countries Only): 160-meters _____ 80-meters _____ 40-meters _____

WARC Bands (Active Countries Only): 30-meters _____ 17-meters _____ 12-meters _____

WAZ Basic Award (40 Zones) ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Confirmed Zones: 160m _____ 80m _____ 40m _____ 30m _____ 20m _____ 17m _____ 15m _____ 12m _____ 10m _____

Packet Spot Iron Cage Free-For-All Derby

by Harvey Shore, K6EXO



The January spotting derby has a new twist. Last year's winner, N6RT, had a number of suggestions for scoring spots in

order of just how hard it is to work the DX. So, this month we are using this new list. For those who want to see the country valuation, check out the club webpage. Note there are some NEGATIVE scores this month. W and K prefixes rate a score of "-5" on the new list.

Here are some statistics of interest: 3195 spots were made. Of these 1370 were made by club members. Last month I asked if you would like to see the derby opened to non-club members. I received a bit of mail and phone calls on this and the stated opinion was that the derby should be open to club members only. Only one person was unhappy (very unhappy) about this exclusion. As a reminder, the Packet-Cluster is not a club project but most of the sysops are active in the SCDXC and want to encourage membership in the club.

So — have fun and let me know if you have any ideas for improving the game!

Spotter	Spots	Score
N6RT	321	771
K6CU	127	360
WA6TLA	84	219
KR6C	64	186
K6YRA	68	171
WU6T	43	144
KK6T	31	120
W6EA	22	111
W3SE	17	-32

W6RT	27	94
W6RW	55	93
W6LAX	37	92
W8DX	36	91
W6YY	26	86
W6KK	48	85
N6RV	16	66
N5KI	32	63
N6KZ	58	61
KN6DV	13	56
N6UC	39	49
AJ6A	12	38
K6DU	6	36
K6GXO	17	35
W6BL	20	32
W6AUG	16	31
K6RO	9	27
K6FG	8	25
W6ZH	7	24
KJ6ZH	11	22
K6ZZ	10	18
N6HC	9	18
AI6Z	5	18
N6IC	6	17
K6YUI	5	16
K6EXO	3	14
KF6HI	3	14
NQ6N	5	13
W6EJJ	5	13
K6ZMW	8	12
N7CQQ	5	12
W6AQ	1	-5
W6SR	2	8
K6FR	1	8
W6FW	4	7
WK6E	4	6
K5KT	4	5
KI6ZS	1	5
KQ6PS	2	4
AA6RK	3	3
K6WS	3	3
KC6T	2	2
KG6AR	2	2
KR6Q	2	2
W6OES	2	2
KJ6Y	1	2
W6AAB	1	2
AC6RN	1	1

(The Packet Derby automatically assigns points to stations spotting DX on the packet network. Scoring updates are available on the club web site. High-point winner will receive a prize...ed.)

Letter

This letter was forwarded to the BULLEtin editor via e mail. It is reproduced exactly as received.

DEAR AL,
I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE PUBLICATION OF PAGES 8 AND 9 IN THE SO. CA. DX BULLETIN FOR JAN., '98. THIS IS AN INSULT. IT IS A SEXUAL INSULT, PONOGRAOHY, AND DOWNGRADES THE FEMININE STATUS OF EVERY WOMAN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR. THIS OVERSHADOWS ANY RACE, CREED OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND.

THE UNITES STATES IS CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ASIAN AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO CHANGE THE SERVITUDE OF WOMEN AND THIER RIGHT TO RESPECT.

QSL CARDS PRODUCED WITH POOR TASTE AND PONOGRAPHY SHOULD NOT BE A PART OF ANY LEGITIMATE PUBLICATION SENT INTO MY HOME. ALL OF US TRY TO ENCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS OF ALL AGES TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITIES FOR GOOD, CLEAN WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT. I WILL NOT PERMIT MY FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE EXPOSED TO THIS TYPE OF RUBBISH.

WOULD YOU WANT COPIES OF THIS BULLETIN DISTRIBUTED AT THE DAYTON HAMVENTION? I DON'T THINK SO. AREN'T WE ALL TRYING TO PUBLICIZE THE POSITIVE IMAGE OF HAM RADIO TO THE YOUTH OF OUR COUNTRY AS WELL AS WOMEN OF ALL AGES? I AM OFFENDED THAT THIS CAN ENTER MY HOUSE VIA THE US MAIL SYSTEM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

JACQUELINE A. VON HAGEN,
KF6JAO

Belize? "Gesundheit!"

A joint IOTA DXpedition between the members of the Southern CA DX Club and the Bay Area DX Association (MI) will activate South Water Cay, Belize (IOTA NA-180) for the period 3-10 Feb 98. Operators are V31VI (N6KZ), V31UY (N6UY), V31RN (N6FH), and V31TR (K8BK). Operations are on all bands 10-160 meters on both SSB and CW.

"I'll buy a pizza (or a beer) at Shakey's before the SCXDC meeting for the first Southern CA DX Club member that I put in the log as V31VI," says Jim, N6KZ



Your Board and Convention Committee at Work

On Saturday, January 21, the Convention committee and the club board met at the Olive Garden restaurant. Representatives from the San Diego DX club attended and discussed requirements for the very popular "DX Jeopardy."

Updated convention information will be available on the club's web site. Prize chairman Rich Bongiorno, WU6T reported excellent participation from vendors, and an exhibit area double the size of last year's. Program Chairman Harv Shore, K6EXO outlined the list of presentations and the banquet/breakfast programs. This list will also be placed on the web site and will be available as soon as it has been firmed up.



The Southern California DX Club held it's initial board meeting with newly-elected 1998 officers, KN6DV, Will, presiding. The new web "SCDXC" domain will allow e-mail addresses for each officer. There is also the Board@SCDXC.org group address. This is an easy way to reach the entire Board. Should you need to reach the treasurer, for example, simply e-mail to: Treasurer@SCDXC.org, and it will be forwarded to Charlotte. **If you desire a "SCDXC.org" forwarding address,** i.e.: "W8DX@SCDXC.org", the cost is \$15.00 a year. Remember, this is a forwarding address, you must have an e-mail address to begin with!

The Board is seeking a "club historian." Jim, N6KZ has organized records going back to the club's beginnings. The historian would take possession of these records. The club's history is very colorful and this should be an enjoyable pastime for someone. Please see Jim if you are interested (or Secretary@SCDXC.org).

Regarding BULLetin subscriptions: Presently, the club charges \$10.00 for a "subscription only." This was instituted because many interested parties wanted to keep up with the club, but were too far away to attend meetings. Starting now, the \$10.00 subscription will only be allowed if the subscriber resides outside the club's geographic boundaries. "Local" lovers of great literature will have to cough up the extra eight bucks.

Once again it is time to bestow club laurels on two deserving DX'ers. The Board selects **"DX'er of the Year."** If you wish to nominate a "DX'er of the Year," please contact the board, or any board member.

The **"Rookie of the Year"** award goes to a new member who has shown impressive numbers of countries, zones, awards, etc. Candidates for "Rookie of the Year" should submit their totals to Roger, W6LAX.

Detailed rules for "DX'er of the Year" and "Rookie of the Year" may be found in the "Awards" section of the club's web site. The club will also provide special awards for members who demonstrate feats of incredible skill and selflessness. If you have any questions regarding eligibility for any award, please contact a board member.



Heard and Worked

by Mark Weiss, K6FG



Signals don't get to the sunny shores of Southern California like they get everywhere else. Sometimes, a band is open for just a few minutes. Sometimes,

a rare country appears at a crazy time or frequency. Here are selected reports from local stations. Send your report for February to the Editor.

Date	Time	Mode	DX
160			
1/25	0229	CW	TI1C
1/25	0358	CW	EA8BH
1/25	0411	CW	YS1X
80			
1/02	0735	CW	OE2BZL
1/02	0746	CW	DL9AWI
1/04	0703	SSB	T31BB*
1/06	1518	CW	XW30*
1/09	1503	SSB	YU1KA
1/09	1504	CW	XW30*
1/09	1510	SSB	SP3GEM
1/11	1516	SSB	XW30A*
1/17	0453	CW	PJ5AA*
1/18	1457	SSB	WH0AAV
1/19	0159	CW	PJ5AA*
1/20	1454	SSB	VK4MZ
1/21	1450	SSB	8Q7AA*
1/22	1457	SSB	DU100RG
1/23	1432	SSB	DU1KT
1/23	1432	SSB	4F4IX
1/24	1525	SSB	BD4DW
1/24	1527	SSB	WH0AAV
1/24	1530	SSB	DU4DX
1/25	1456	SSB	OH5BZ
1/26	0356	CW	P49I*
1/26	1450	SSB	SM5RQ
1/27	0114	SSB	CU3FW
1/29	0741	SSB	GD4PTV
1/29	1501	SSB	9M2AX
40			
1/04	0254	TTY	HH2PK
1/04	0447	TTY	LZ0A*
1/04	0626	TTY	J8/DF2SS
1/06	0329	CW	1X5AA*
1/07	1601	CW	XW30*
1/10	1438	CW	XW30*
1/10	1604	SSB	XW30A*
1/14	1403	CW	V31JP
1/14	1446	CW	JU2DX

1/16	0813	CW	8N0WOG/0	1/14	0120	CW	XW30*
1/17	0536	CW	PJ5AA*	1/14	0128	CW	HF0POL
1/17	0547	CW	LZ0A*	1/14	1506	SSB	R1ANZ
1/18	0334	CW	LZ0A*	1/15	1618	SSB	4X50JU
1/18	1459	CW	T88TT	1/15	1627	SSB	4U1ITU
1/18	1543	CW	9A5D	1/20	0210	CW	8Q7AA*
1/19	0118	CW	8Q7AA*	1/21	0240	CW	8Q7AA*
1/20	0508	CW	TI7/DL6MPG	1/22	0200	CW	8Q7AA*
1/20	0511	CW	R1FJV	1/23	0245	SSB	8Q7AA*
1/21	0425	CW	S92AT*	1/24	0305	SSB	8Q7AA*
1/21	0540	CW	PT7SY	1/25	0156	SSB	8N0WOG/0
1/21	2342	SSB	LA6WEA	1/25	2038	SSB	8Q7AA*
1/23	0413	CW	ER5AL*	17			
1/23	0436	CW	YO2CEQ	1/01	2306	SSB	T31BB*
1/23	0446	CW	ER5AL	1/02	2228	SSB	T31BB*
1/23	0453	CW	S52KA	1/03	1610	SSB	EA9IE
1/23	0505	CW	UA9FAR	1/05	1510	SSB	OM5DP
1/25	1339	SSB	E21CJN	1/05	1612	SSB	IS0ZCV
1/25	1501	CW	BY1QH	1/06	1606	CW	EA8/OH2BYS
1/26	1504	CW	JG8NQJ/JD1	1/10	0102	SSB	XW30A*
1/27	0351	CW	5N3CPR	1/11	0138	CW	VR98BG
1/29	0350	SSB	YS1X	1/15	1546	SSB	5B4AGC
1/30	0133	CW	YS1X	1/15	1400	SSB	FK8GM
1/30	1530	CW	Z31CZ	1/18	0057	CW	VR98BG
1/30	1545	CW	T91FRS	1/21	1621	SSB	FT5X/FR5HR
1/31	0211	CW	D2BB*	1/21	1639	CW	LA5UF
30				1/22	1515	SSB	LX1AX
1/02	0100	CW	LU1ZC*	1/24	1521	SSB	LU1ZC*
1/03	1435	CW	T88KH	1/24	1536	CW	PJ9/PA0VDV
1/03	2325	CW	CU1/DL3KUD	1/25	1550	CW	TI7/DL8MUG
1/05	0824	CW	EA8/OH2BYS	1/27	1503	SSB	SV2CWY
1/10	1518	CW	XW30*	1/27	1520	CW	YS1X
1/12	1543	CW	VR98JK	1/28	1509	SSB	OD5NJ
1/18	0050	CW	HF0POL	1/28	1511	SSB	LZ4RV
1/18	0301	CW	LZ0A*	1/28	1514	CW	3B8CF
1/19	2357	CW	UR5ZEL	1/28	1544	SSB	SV0LM
1/25	0129	CW	8Q7AA*	1/28	1635	CW	CN2IB
1/25	2358	CW	YS1X	15			
1/26	0002	CW	HF0POL	1/01	1603	SSB	GU3MLR
1/26	0038	CW	IK1YDB	1/01	1615	SSB	FH5CB
1/26	0135	CW	8Q7AA*	1/03	1620	SSB	CP5NU
1/29	2223	CW	CN2IB	1/11	0236	SSB	4G50N
1/31	1603	CW	DS5USH	1/27	1538	SSB	EK2M
2/01	0040	CW	CN2IB	1/27	1541	SSB	9A8A
20				1/28	1533	SSB	GD4PTV
1/02	0157	CW	9N1ARB*	12			
1/03	2316	TTY	FM5CD	1/03	1815	SSB	5N0T
1/04	0155	SSB	V44NK	1/09	0011	SSB	T31BB*
1/04	0159	CW	9N1ARB*	1/18	1531	CW	PJ5AA*
1/05	1533	CW	CU1/DL3KUD	1/18	2039	CW	ZK1DI
1/06	0045	SSB	XW30A*	1/25	1522	SSB	D2AI
1/06	1518	SSB	5B4ES				
1/07	1529	SSB	SU3AM				
1/07	0212	TTY	9N1ARB*				
1/09	1604	SSB	9H1AL				
1/13	0109	TTY	XW30A*				
1/13	2336	TTY	JD1AMA				

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1/25 1736 SSB Z21CS
10

1/08 2321 SSB T31BB*

* QSL Routes

1X5AA	W3HNK
8Q7AA	N7TX
9N1ARB	KV5V
D2BB	W3HNK
ER5AL	RW6HS
LU1ZC	LU6EF
LZ0A	LZ1KDP
P49I	K4PI
PJ5AA	N2AU
S92AT	NJ2D
T31BB	DF6FK
XW30	SM0AGD
XW30A	SM0AGD

(Thanks to K6FG, W8DX, WA6WXD, K6YRA)

The "N-WAC" Award

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and artistically devoid of clothing. A fee of \$3.00 will cover return of cards and processing costs. The depiction may be either a photograph or drawing.

Award number 001 has already been issued, so hurry up and get your entry in for number 002! This unique piece of "wallpaper" sets you apart as a particularly astute observer of human nature.



Ham Puzzle

by Milt, W6RJO



Starting a day early, our "Ham in an electric car" drives 50 miles to the Tejon pass, tops off his first battery and continues to Visalia, using up his first battery and 25 miles of his spare. Since he left a day early, he has time to drive past Visalia to Fresno to recharge. Now, he drives back to Visalia with 100 miles remaining. He participates in the convention and whizzes around showing off his electric car, consuming 50 miles worth of charge. Now he realizes he must husband his batteries to retain enough charge to return to Fresno for a second time to charge both batteries. This recharge gets him back to Tejon. The trip included 200 miles to Fresno, 50 back to Visalia, 50 in Visalia, 50 back to Fresno and 200 home for a total of 550 miles.

Alan, AA6DW, must have been reading Milt's mind. His itinerary was exactly the same as Milt's. Mike Mitchell, W6RW was correct about having to take the "long path," but his "Veteran Ham" was modest and didn't show off his car by tooling around Visalia. Congratulations, Mike and Alan! - ed.

Here is the February Puzzler. Good luck:

"A DX Club Dinner"

DX ham clubs throughout the US have their December dinners at corresponding restaurants. The owner, a former ham, of one particular restaurant recently remarried. His new bride brought along some baggage – his new brother-in-law, who fancies himself a "creative" accountant. The restaurant owner buys into the following scheme concocted by his new "bro:" The restaurant's big dining room can be had for the club at \$25.00 per attendee if the club member attendance meets his break even point. For each member that shows up over the break even, they will knock off \$1.50 a head for everybody. It turned out that the total monies collected reached the maximum amount possible, which included the discount, of course. The question is what was the restaurateur's profit? Hint: It's bluntly simple, as his brother-in-law's creative accounting idea almost provoked a divorce. The owner is planning to renew his ham license for peace of mind.

*(Send your solution to the
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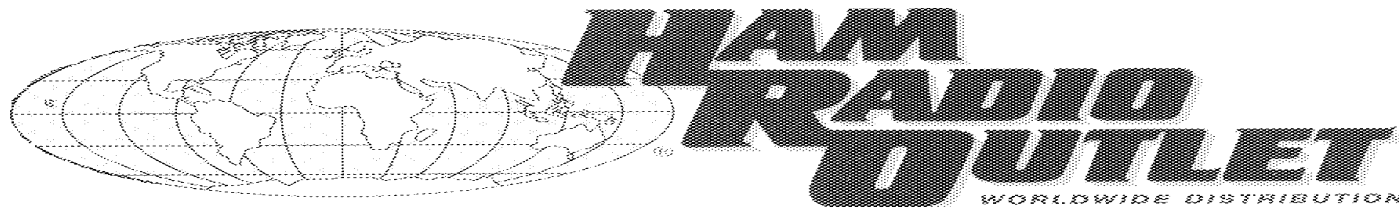
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